

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, October 24, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations:

- Heavy Rainfall and Flooding – New Mexico and Colorado

Hazard Monitoring:

- Excessive Rainfall / Flash Flooding – Central and Southern Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Western Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm In-Fa
 - Central and Eastern Pacific:
 - Hurricane Vance (CAT-2)
 - Disturbance 1: Low (20%)

Disaster Declaration Activity:

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring:

- 51st Marine Corps Marathon – Arlington, VA and Washington, D.C.



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Heavy Rainfall and Flooding – New Mexico and Colorado

Situation: Severe flooding is currently impacting portions of New Mexico, especially San Juan County and the Farmington area. Rapidly rising waters along the San Juan and Animas Rivers have forced residents to evacuate and triggered emergency swift-water rescues for those trapped by the floods. (FEMA 6 Division Director, as of 10:25 p.m. ET, Oct 23) Colorado continues to prioritize life safety operations and support for isolated residents in Pagosa Springs (pop. 2K) following the dual-direction closure of Highway 160. The San Juan River is receding and expected to fall below major flood stage. Meanwhile, the Rio Grande and South Fork Rio Grande rivers are at moderate flood stage and will crest by tomorrow morning, with only minor downstream impacts expected in Colorado. (FEMA R8 Acting Regional Administrator, as of 7:58 p.m. ET, Oct 23) The Regional Offices remain actively engaged with State partners to coordinate ongoing response operations and address emerging requirements.

Lifeline Impacts:

FEMA Region 6: All community lifelines remain green and stable (FEMA R6 Division Director, as of 10:25 p.m. ET, Oct 23)

FEMA Region 8: (FEMA R8 Acting Regional Administrator, as of 7:58 p.m. ET, Oct 23)

Safety & Security: Colorado National Guard (CONG) completed aerial rescues near Pagosa Springs and will deploy high-water vehicles tomorrow to support isolated communities and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Food, Hydration, Shelter: 3 shelters open / 182 occupants

- CO: 2 shelters open / 16 occupants
- NM: 1 shelter open / 166 occupants

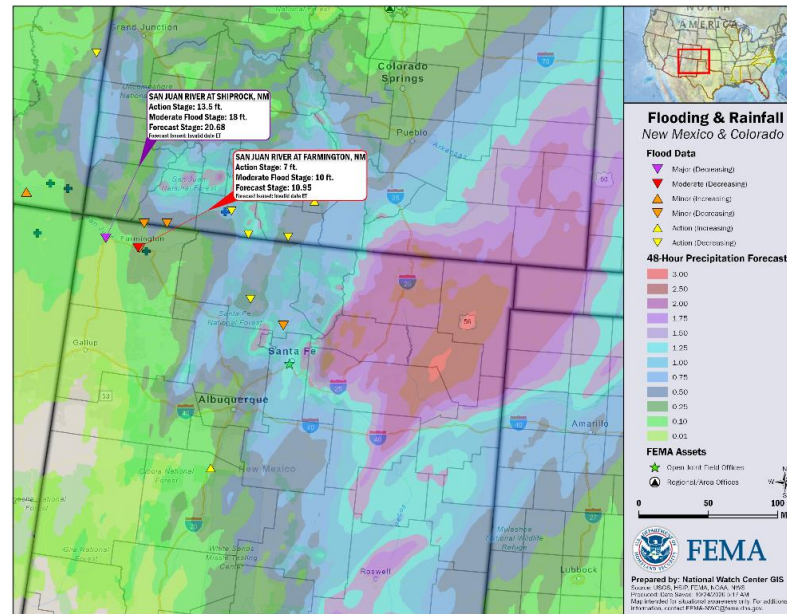
Health & Medical: State is coordinating with local officials to ensure EMS access

Water Systems: State is coordinating with local providers on assessments

- Pagosa Springs water system assessing low pressure issues to determine impacts and required corrective actions
- Pagosa Springs wastewater treatment plant remains functional, 4 of 10 pump/lift stations are offline; no assistance is requested

Energy: 2k customers without power for NM & CO (<1%) (DOE Eagle-I, as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

Transportation: Multiple highway closures from flooding have prompted counties to request state heavy equipment to restore access



The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Regions 6 and 8, with continued reporting in the FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. ET / 1:00 a.m. ET) and FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).

State / Local Response:

FEMA Region 6:

- NM and AZ SEOCs: Full Activation (Flooding)
- TX SEOC: Partial Activation (Severe Weather)

FEMA Region 8:

- CO SEOC: Full Activation (Flooding); Governor declared a state of emergency for 11 counties on Oct 22
 - State in coordination with USACE to conduct flood mitigation operations under their respective authorities

Federal / FEMA Response:

FEMA Region 6:

- Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Activated (1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. ET, dayshift only)
- Elements of R-IMAT 1 deployed to NM SEOC; R-IMAT 2 is available
- Remaining elements of R-IMAT 1, DEC Unit, FCO, and Tribal LNO on alert
- Region 6 maintains active engagement and coordination with tribal partners in the affected region
- Coordinating with Region 8 to monitor potential downstream impacts

FEMA Region 8:

- Watch is Enhanced (Flooding); RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMAT deployed to SD (4941-DR-OST); Alternate R-IMAT-A on alert
- FIT LNO deployed to CO SEOC

FEMA HQ:

- NWC is Monitoring; NRCC is at Steady State (Gold team Rostered)



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51st Marine Corps Marathon – Arlington, VA and Washington, DC

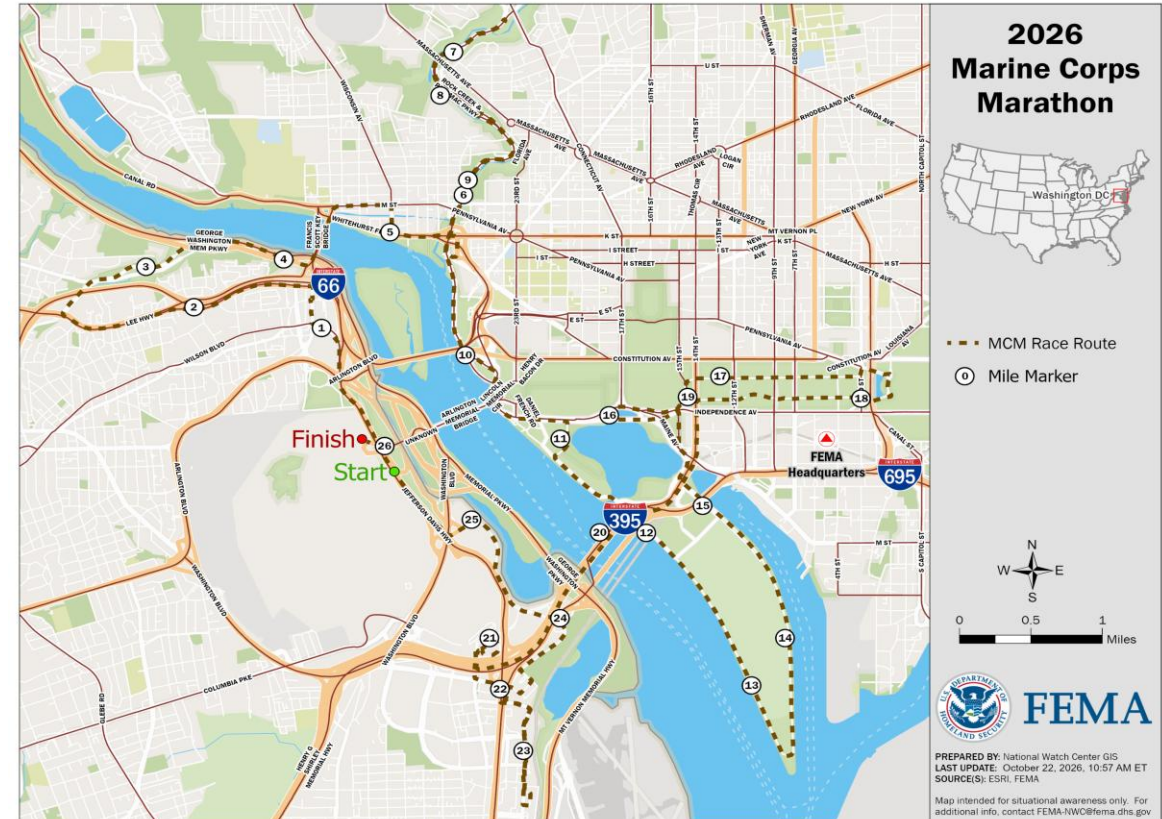
Situation: The 51st annual Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) will take place in Arlington, VA and Washington, DC on Oct 25. Officials expect 135K participants including runners, support staff, and spectators. The MCM starts between the Arlington National Cemetery and the Pentagon. This event has received a Special Event Assessment Rating.

State / Local Response:

- The Arlington County Police Department, VA State Police, Washington DC Metropolitan Police Department will be supporting

Federal Response:

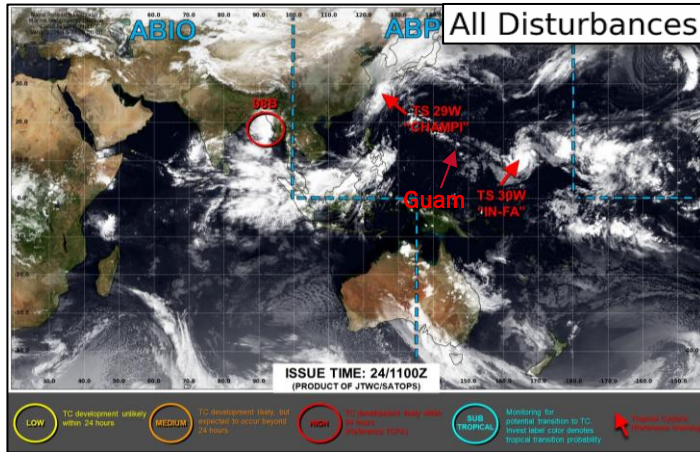
- U.S. Park Police and Pentagon Force Protection Agency will be supporting
- The FBI is the lead federal agency for intelligence and counterterrorism
- FEMA is the lead federal agency for emergency and consequence management
- DHS is the lead for the coordination of all federal assets supporting this event
- NWC is monitoring
- FEMA R3 RRCC is rostered; RWC is monitoring



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Tropical Outlook

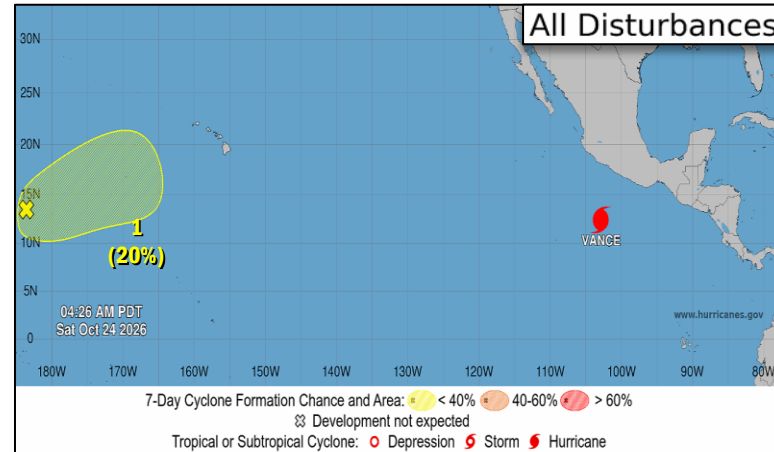
Western Pacific



Tropical Storm In-Fa (30W): (Advisory 4, as of 7:00 a.m. ET)

- See next slide

Central and Eastern Pacific



Hurricane Vance (CAT-2): (Advisory #12, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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Disturbance 1: (as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **several** hundred miles **W** of Johnston Atoll
- Environmental conditions could support some slow development
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (**10%**); 7-day: Low (20%)

Atlantic



Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next 7 days.



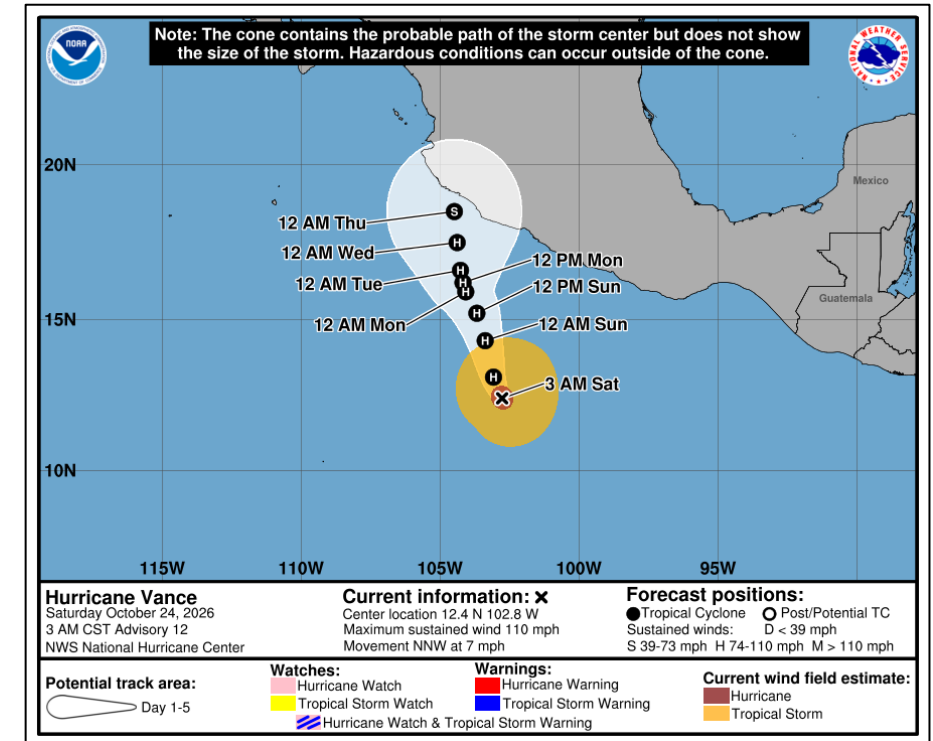
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Hurricane Vance (CAT-2) – Eastern Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #12, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **365** miles **SSW** of Acapulco, Mexico
- Maximum sustained winds of **110** mph
- Moving **NNW** at **7** mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to **30** miles from center; tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to **150** miles from center
- Some fluctuations in intensity are possible today, followed by a gradual weakening trend beginning tonight



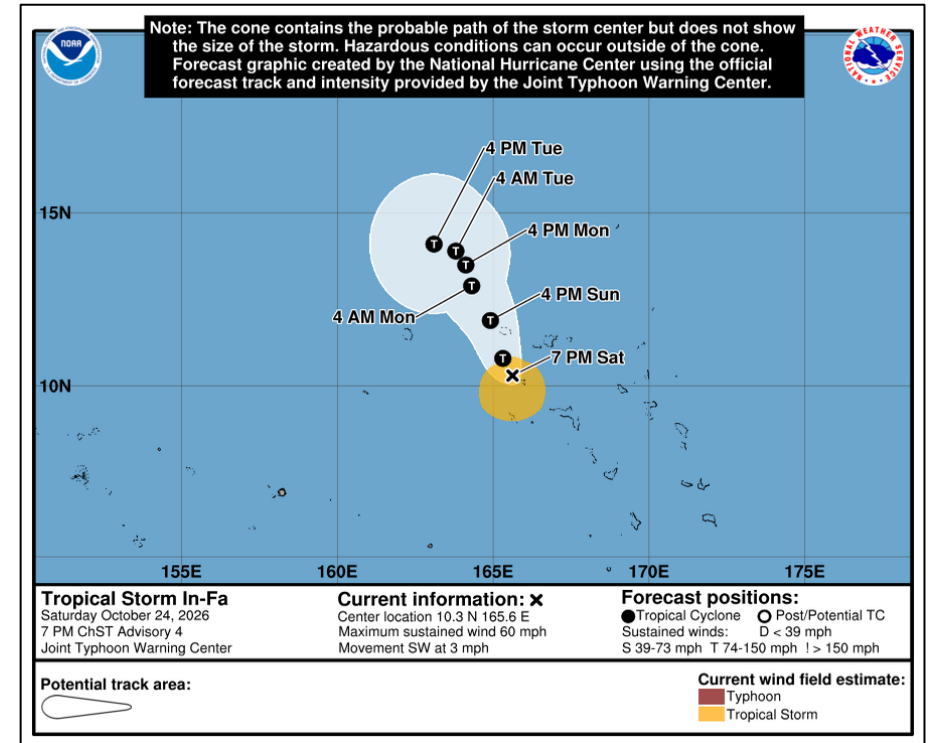
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Tropical Storm In-Fa (30W) – Western Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #4, as of 11:00 p.m. ET)

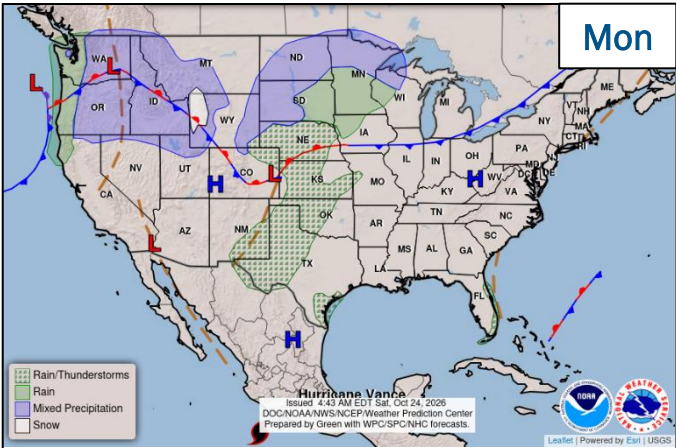
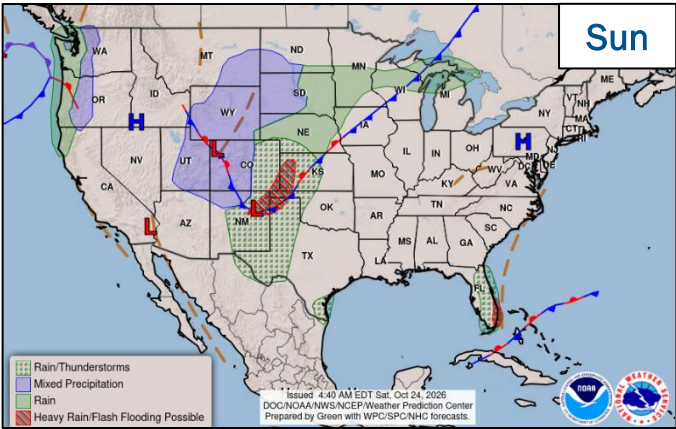
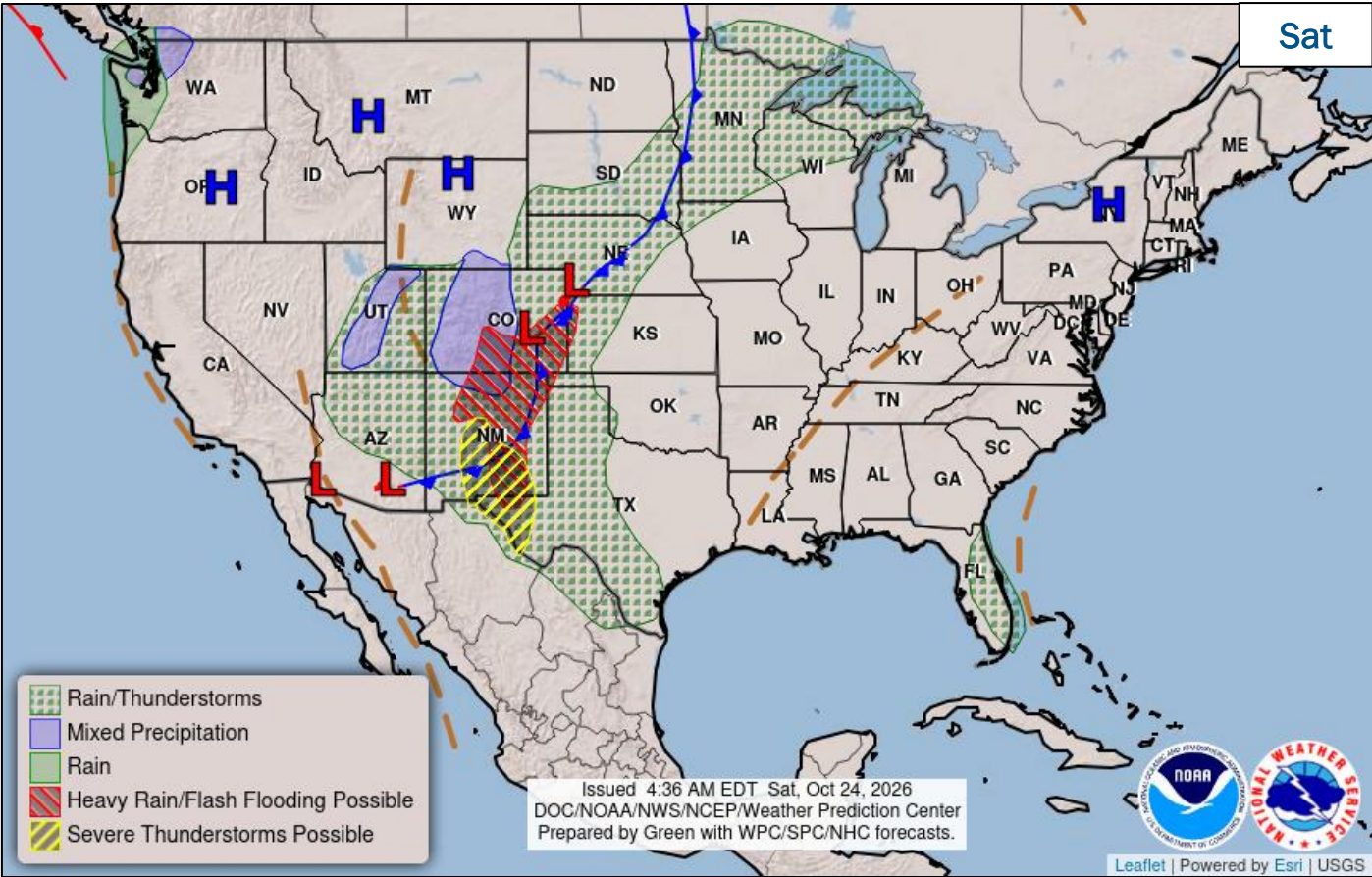
- Located 1,420 miles E of Guam
- Maximum sustained winds of 60 mph
- Moving SSW at 3 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 90 miles from center
- Forecast to intensify through Sunday possibly becoming a typhoon



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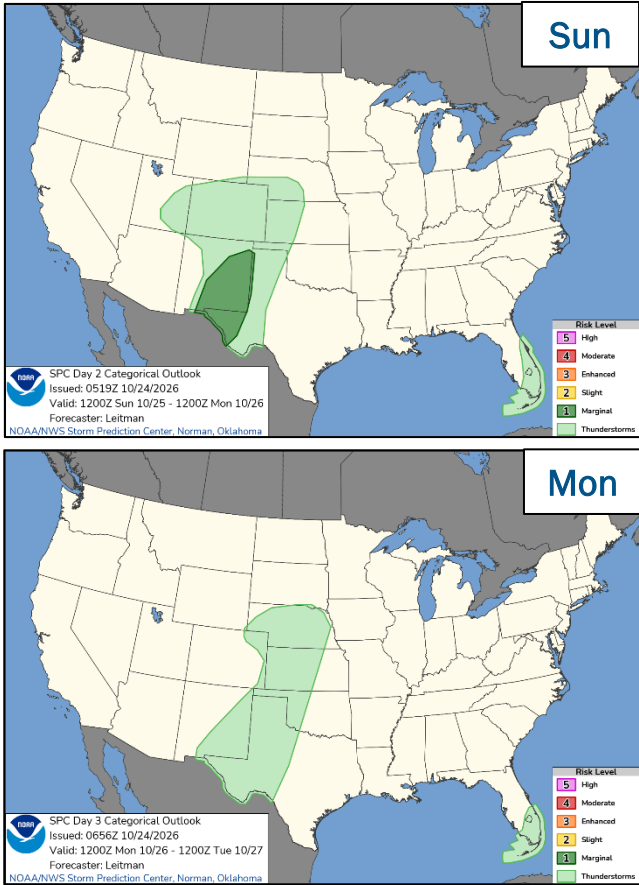
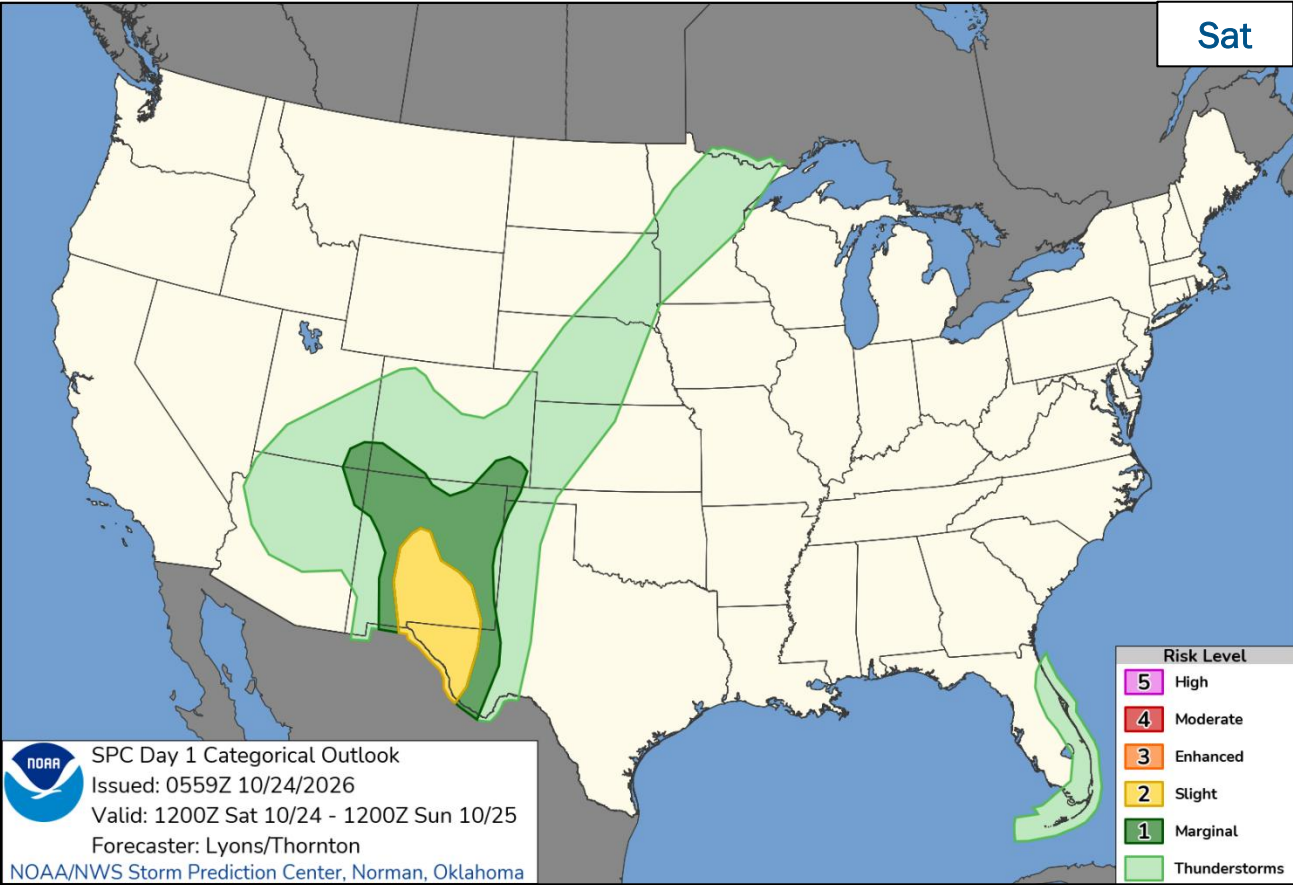
National Weather Forecast



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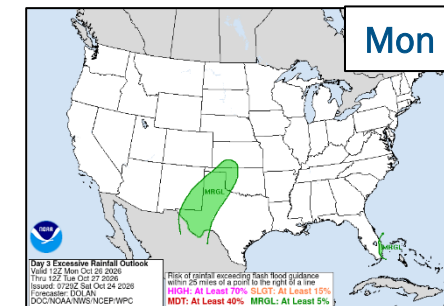
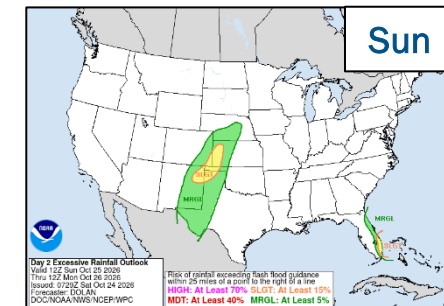
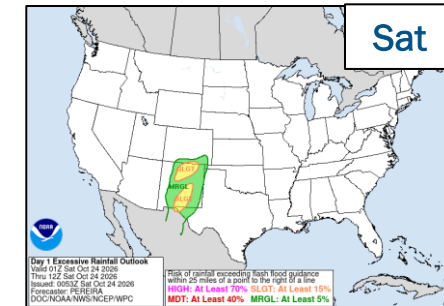
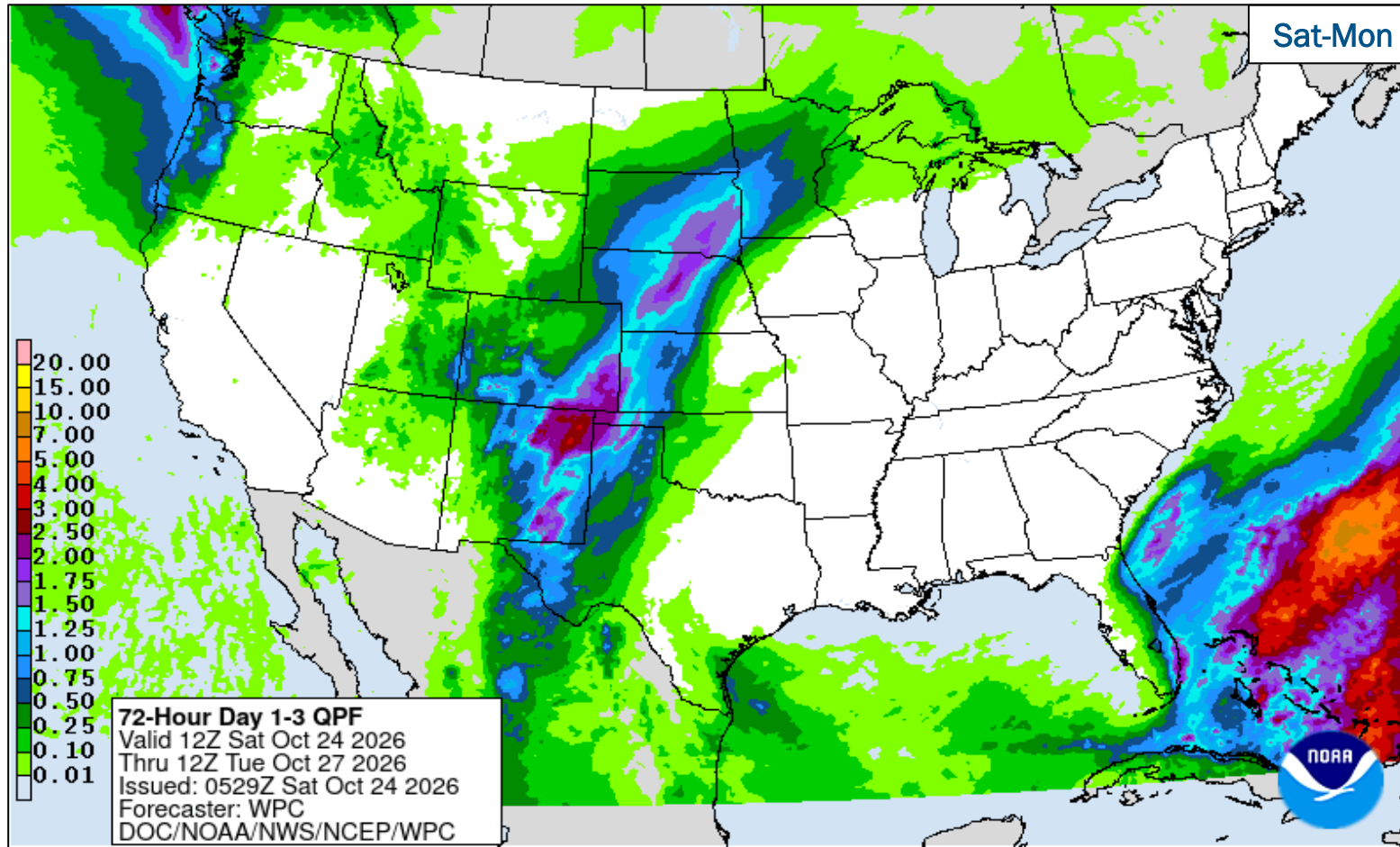
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Severe Weather Outlook



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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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Incident Workforce

18,771
Assigned a Disaster Title

5,990 / 32%
Deployed

6,118 / 33%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,663 / 35%
Remaining

Surge Capacity Force
7,694 / 0 / 769
Rostered / Deployed /
Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days

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National Readiness

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NRCC



N-IMAT Red



N-IMAT White



N-IMAT Blue



N-IMAT Gold



N-IMAT HS



National Notes

National Watch Center:
• Staffing

NRCC:
• Steady State

National IMATs:
• N-IMAT Red: Demobilizing
• N-IMAT White: Staffing
• N-IMAT Blue: Staffing

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	2	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	0	2	0	0
R4	3	10	1	1
R5	1	6	0	0
R6	4	8	3	3
R7	0	9	0	0
R8	1	10	0	0
R9	3	8	9	0
R10	3	5	0	0



Alaska



Commonwealth of
Northern Mariana
Islands



Guam



American Samoa

CNMI
DR-4910-MP,
EM-3647-MP,
EM-3658-MP
• R9 IMAT-2

Guam
EM-3659-GU
• SMT Hawaii
• R9 IMAT-1

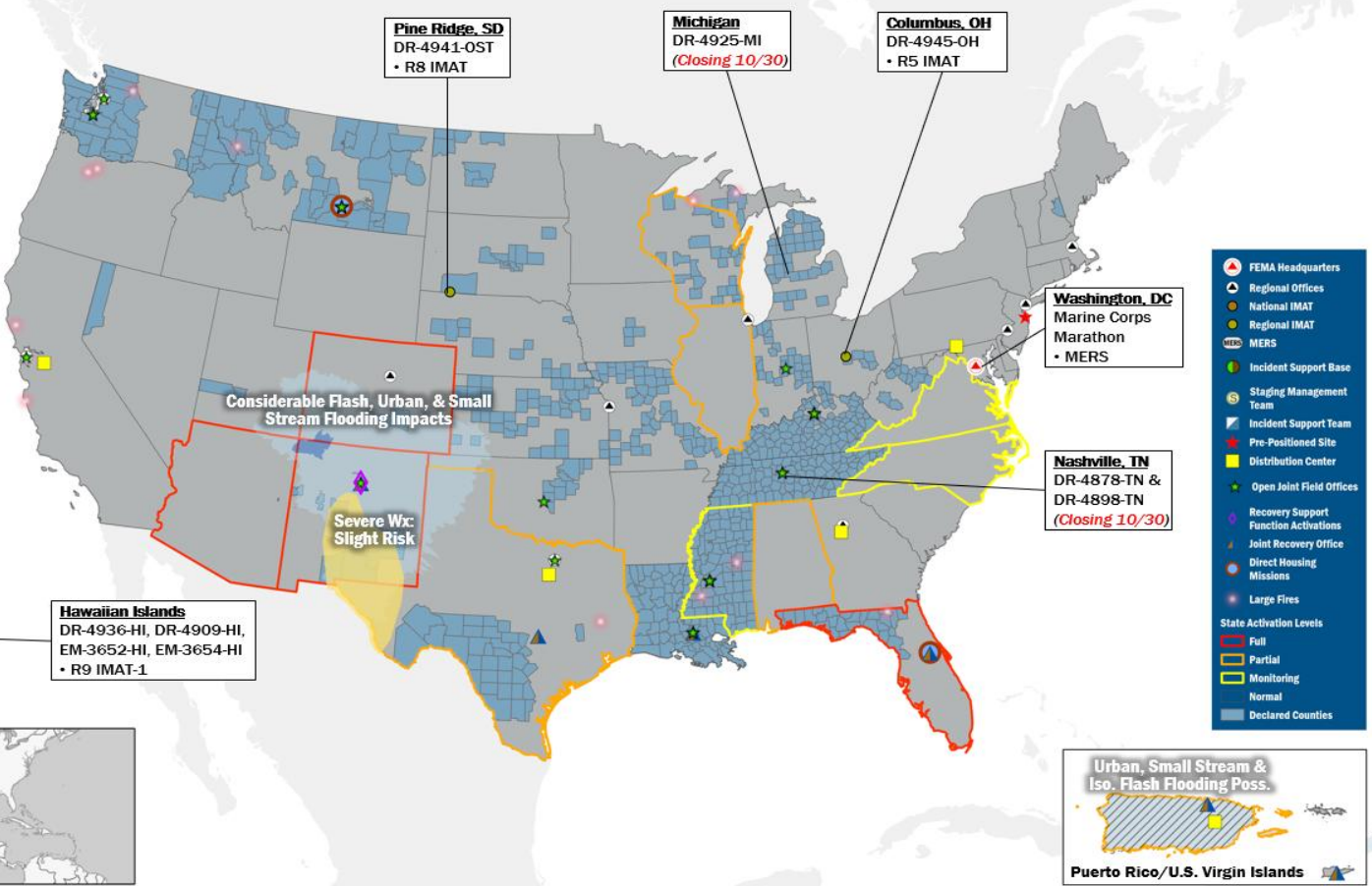


Hawaii



TC
Vance

Hawaiian Islands
DR-4936-HI, DR-4909-HI,
EM-3652-HI, EM-3654-HI
• R9 IMAT-1



Pine Ridge, SD
DR-4941-OST
• R8 IMAT

Michigan
DR-4925-MI
(Closing 10/30)

Columbus, OH
DR-4945-OH
• R5 IMAT

Washington, DC
Marine Corps
Marathon
• MERS

Nashville, TN
DR-4878-TN &
DR-4898-TN
(Closing 10/30)

**Urban, Small Stream &
Iso. Flash Flooding Poss.**
Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

Regional Readiness

Watch RRCC IMAT

Region 1



1

Region 2



2

Region 3



Region 4



Region 5



OH

Region 6



NM 3

Region 7



Region 8



OST

Region 9



HI MP

Region 10



Regional Notes

Watches/RRCCs:
• R2 Watch: Equipment
• R5 Watch: Staffing
• R8 Watch: Flooding
• R6 RRCC: Flooding
• R10 RRCC: Staffing

State EOCs:
• AZ/IL/TX: Severe Weather
• MP: TC Bavi/Saudel/ Champi
• PR/VA: Drought
• HI: Tropical Activity
• AL/FL/MS: TC Isaias
• GU: TC Champi
• NC: Elections
• AK: Storm/Landslides
• WI: DR-4949-WI
• CO/NM: Flooding

IMATs:
• R1: Staffing
• R4-1: Staffing
• R4-2: Staffing
• R5: 4945-DR-OH
• R6-1: NM SEOC
• R7: Staffing
• R8: 4941-DR-OST
• R9-1: 3652-EM-HI, 4909-DR-HI, 4936-DR-HI, 3654-EM-HI, EM-3659-GU
• R9-2: 4910-DR-MP, EM-3647-MP, EM-3658-MP
• R10: Staffing

Legend

- Fully Mission Capable
- Partially Mission Capable
- Requires Augmentation
- Deployed/Activated

Commodities & Equipment

	CONUS	Caribbean	Hawaii	Guam
Water				
Meals				
Generators				

SMT

Operational	11/11
Requires Augmentation	3/11
Deployed	2/11

MERS Det.

29/30 Operational	
Maynard	5/5
Frederick	5/5
Thomasville	5/5
Denton	5/5
Denver	5/5
Bothell	4/5

US&R

Task Forces	
Assigned	28
Non-FEMA Deployed	0
FEMA-Deployed	0
Not Mission Capable	0
Available	28
FEMA Support Staff	11/21

FCO

Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	2
Deployed	32 (28 FCOR)
Available	4

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R6	NM	Severe Flooding Sep 28 and continuing	IA	8	4	10/20 – TBD
			PA	20	19	10/13 – TBD
R7	KS	Severe Storms Sep 30-Oct 2	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	13	2	10/13 – TBD
	NE	Heavy Rainfall Sep 30-Oct 1	IA	1	1	10/7 – 10/13
			PA	8	8 (+4)	10/7 – 10/23



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Declaration Requests in Process – 9

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
ID – Severe Storm and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 22
IN – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 6
NE – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Aug 31
KS – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Sep 15
RST ¹ – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR	X	X	X	Sep 29
WA – Wildfires	DR	X	X	X	Oct 2
CTBYN ² – Wildfires	DR	X	X	X	Oct 1
CTCR ³ – Wildfires	DR	X	X	X	Oct 8
FL – Hurricane Isaias	DR	X	X	X	Oct 15

¹ Rosebud Sioux Tribe, ² Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, ³ Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation



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